

**261—9.6(15G,260C) Approval of projects.** Activity within each fund will be reviewed by the department to aid in ensuring that the college's fund is meeting the requirement that 70 percent of the moneys allocated to the community college fund shall be used for projects in the areas of advanced manufacturing; information technology and insurance; alternative and renewable energy including the alternative and renewable energy sectors listed in Iowa Code section 476.42, subsection 1, paragraph "a"; and life sciences, which include the areas of biotechnology, health care technology, and nursing care technology. Any individual project using over \$1 million of moneys from a workforce training and economic development fund shall require prior approval from the IDED board. The following procedures apply for approval of activities to be assisted by the grow Iowa values fund:

**9.6(1)** Projects which meet all of the requirements of the Iowa jobs training Act under Iowa Code chapter 260F will be reviewed and approved by the department under the applicable scoring criteria as found in 261—Chapter 7, Iowa Jobs Training Program.

**9.6(2)** Projects which meet all of the requirements of the accelerated career education (ACE) program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 260G will be reviewed and approved by the department under the applicable scoring criteria as found in 261—Chapter 20, Accelerated Career Education (ACE) Program.

**9.6(3)** For career academies, projects shall meet the requirements of career academies as defined in subrule 9.5(3).

**9.6(4)** Vocational and technical training programs shall meet the requirements of new or expanded vocational and technical training.

**9.6(5)** In-service training and retraining projects shall meet the requirements for short-term training and retraining.

**9.6(6)** Community colleges may use moneys from the fund for operational expenses associated with vocational technical training.